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Health Benefits Eligibility and Enrollment Part 1 – General Provisions and Definitions

Policy Summary:

The Agency of Human Services (AHS) has filed an adopted rule, referenced as Health Benefits Eligibility and Enrollment (HBEE) Part 1 – General Provisions and Definitions, with the Office of the Secretary of State. The rule is effective as of January 15, 2017, and supersedes HBEE that went into effect on August 1, 2016.

The HBEE rule provides eligibility standards for Medicaid and other health care programs. HBEE is over 350 pages and is divided into eight parts under one administrative rule. Currently, AHS must file HBEE in its entirety even when a rulemaking affects only one of the eight parts. This is because HBEE was originally filed with the Office of the Secretary of State as a single rule.

This adopted rule, along with the seven others that AHS filed at the same time, amend HBEE to establish it as eight separate rules, each corresponding to one of the eight parts that currently make up HBEE. There are no changes to the content of the rule itself during these rulemakings.

The sole purpose of these rule filings is to allow AHS to do rulemaking in HBEE in a way that is more efficient.

Effective Date:

January 15, 2017

Authority/Legal Basis:

Medicaid: C.F.R., Title 42, Chapter IV, Subchapter C, Part 435

Health Benefits Exchange: C.F.R., Title 45, Subtitle A, Subchapter B, Part 155

Adopting and rulemaking: 3 V.S.A. §§ 801(b) (11), 838, 3052, 3053; 33 V.S.A. §§ 105, 1901

Population Affected:

While this rule applies to all applicants and recipients of Medicaid and Qualified Health Plans, it is not anticipated that this rulemaking would affect those populations.

Fiscal Impact:

No fiscal impact.

Public Comment Period:

The public comment period on this rule closed on November 14, 2016. No comments were received.

Additional Information:

To get more information about the rulemaking process, see the [website of the Office of the Secretary of State](#).

[HBEE adopted rules](#) are available at this link.